

February 18, 2022

Appropriations Committee
CT General Assembly
210 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Appropriations Committee,

My name is Marie Dorlette and I live in a residential women's house in Willimantic, CT. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 6439, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, and Making Appropriations Therefor. **I respectfully request the legislature increase funding by \$461 Million over five years for community nonprofits.**

I am in this program to better myself and get all the possibilities that they have. I am very grateful to be here. I would love to ask you for help with funding for people who need help with things like getting their birth certificates. I feel happy being sober and I think the program is very good. I am learning while I am here and I am getting educated. I love it being here. I am taking this opportunity and I won't waste it.

I strongly hope that the Appropriations Committee will support the requested \$461 million increase so that our non-profit services can continue to support our community. Without these services, I would still be in jail.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dorlette', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marie Dorlette